

MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD  
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Date:** January 12, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 p.m., CST

**Location:** Cumberland Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247

**Members Present:** Linda Lahr, MT, Committee Chairperson  
Thomasa Cooper, MT  
Martha Duncan, MT  
Sharon Hargrove, MT  
Alison McDonald, CT  
Debbie Stinnett, MT  
Kelly Terry, MT

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lynda S. England, MT, Consultant II, Director  
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator  
Robbie Bell, Director, Health Related Boards  
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney

**Presiding Officer:** Linda Lahr, MT

**Minutes:** Minutes from the personnel and education committee were presented at the full Medical Laboratory Board meeting for approval.

**Proceedings and Action Taken:**

1. With a quorum present, Ms. Lahr called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.  
  
Election of Personnel & Education Chairperson for 2005  
  
Ms. Duncan nominated Ms. Lahr by acclamation. Ms. McDonald-Spakes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Review Correspondence
  - A. Ms. Thacker informed the committee that the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, TN has asked for the approval of the following clinical rotation sites for its medical laboratory technology and cytotechnology students:
    1. Centennial Medical Center, 2300 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203
    2. Blount Memorial Hospital, 907 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804
    3. St. Thomas Hospital, 4220 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37202
    4. Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale County, 326 Asbury Road, Ripley, TN 38063
    5. Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton County, 1995 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019

Ms. Terry made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Hargrove seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Discussion regarding continuing education for medical laboratory personnel

The continuing education discussion took place at the full board meeting the following day because it included a report from Mr. Kosten on the Rulemaking Hearing regarding the subject.

C. Discuss cytogenetics training/temporary license – Dr. Wendy Flejter – Esoterix, Inc., Brentwood, TN

Dr. Flejter expressed her concern to the Committee about the limited number of qualified applicants available in the area of cytogenetics. She acknowledged she is having much difficulty hiring personnel to handle the large volume of oncology tests. With only three cytogenetics training programs in the United States (one in Connecticut, two in Texas) that have decreased enrollments and only graduate approximately twenty per year, it is hard to find qualified applicants. Dr. Flejter asked the Committee about the possibility of setting up a training program at Esoterix.

The Committee gave Dr. Flejter instruction regarding establishing a training program for cytogenetics and flow cytometry. She would first have to submit a training program application and fee for each program. The instructors would be the licensed personnel employed in the laboratory. The same protocol for licensure would be followed for any new training program as required in Rule 1200-6-2.

Dr. Flejter also asked the Committee about the possibility of issuing a temporary license to an applicant who possesses a Baccalaureate Degree and seven years of cytogenetic experience, but does not possess National Credentialing Agency (NCA) accreditation as a Certified Laboratory Specialist in Cytogenetics. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that, in order to issue a temporary license, the applicant has to be rostered to take a national exam. The Committee advised Dr. Flejter to explain to the applicant that they would need to apply with NCA first, then upon being rostered for the exam, make application with the State of Tennessee. Ms. Thacker added that the applicant would, upon applying for licensure, have to request his/her school submit an official transcript indicating the degree, his/her supervisor would need to submit a detailed letter of cytogenetics work experience, and NCA would need to submit the eligibility letter of the applicant indicating the date of the exam.

D. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that MedVance Institute in Cookeville, TN has asked for the approval for the following clinical rotation site for its medical laboratory technician students:

Harton Regional Medical Center  
1801 N. Jackson St.  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Ms. Terry made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. A. Review Files for Eligibility

Marie Verceles DuBois – Medical Technologist – General – Sarasota, FL; File # 21416

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. DuBois was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. She also possesses national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General with American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. After discussion, Ms. Hargrove motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Receive reports and/or requests from the technologist consultant

Discuss faculty requirements for medical laboratory training programs per Rule 1200-6-2

The Committee discussed the faculty requirements for medical laboratory training programs regarding the license status of the faculty member, in particular the license status “retired”. After discussion, the Committee agreed that a faculty member with a retired license could teach didactic courses, not clinical courses.

4. Review and ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

After review, Ms. Terry motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from October 1, 2004- December 31, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Cooper. The motion carried.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

After review, Ms. Hargrove motioned to ratify the reinstatements from October 1, 2004– December 31, 2004, with a second to the motion by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

C. Closed Files

There were no closed files this quarter.

5. Insufficient Funds

Geoff A. Dykes  
Murfreesboro, TN  
License #10623

The Full Board ratified Mr. Dykes’ reinstatement at its quarterly meeting on October 14, 2004. Ms. Terry motioned to rescind Mr. Dykes’ reinstatement due to insufficient funds. Ms. Hargrove seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

There was no report at this time.

**Statement of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2005 at 1p.m., CDT in the Cumberland Room, Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010.

**Record of Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on a motion properly presented by Ms. Hargrove and seconded by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Lahr, MT  
Chairperson

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**Attachment 1  
New Licenses  
October – December 2004**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
9558	Springer	Jacqueline D.	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
20194	Bechard	Velvet J.	Franklin, TN	Supervisor - General
21345	Clark	Patty L.	Mascot, TN	Technologist - General
20681	Grant	Sarah R.	Johnson City, TN	Technician - General
21386	Houston	Charles I.	Jacksonville, NC	Technician - General
21404	Leach	John P.	Springville, TN	Technician - General
21400	Lloyd	Dominika A.	Old Hickory, TN	Technologist - General
19583	Marlow	Kereem M.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21377	Powers	Kathleen M.	Collierville, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21174	Stinson	Mandy	Lafayette, TN	Technician - General
21395	Wolbert	Matthew J.	Maryville, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21415	Adams	Elaine Kay	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist - General
21356	Azores	Reuel P.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21385	Cua	Loraine S.	Franklin, TN	Technologist - General
21375	McMorrow	Lydia E.	Trenton, NJ	Director - Cytogenetics
21394	Mullins	Richard E.	Arlington, TN	Director - Chemistry
21409	Robinson	Diane	Hernando, MS	Technician - General
21354	Tumanda	Charissa T.	Bartlett, TN	Technologist - General
21407	Bordies	Veronica R.	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
21389	Still	Connie L.	Niceville, FL	Supervisor - General
21326	Taylor	Tonya D.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21406	White	William R.	Hillsboro, TN	Supervisor - General
21294	Bandura	John A.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21350	Berry	Karen R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21412	Blondin	Stephanie A.	Owensboro, KY	Technologist - General
21387	Christensen	Jaclyn N.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
11415	Rippetoe	Myra Alida	College Grove, TN	Supervisor - General
21370	Barber	Stephanie L.	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
21422	Beard	Melissa P.	Tuscumbia, AL	Technician - General
21317	Davis	Sonora M.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
19162	Do	Jennifer Thuy	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21328	Jarvis	Kristina D.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
20353	Thompson	William Daniel	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
21408	York	Robert G.	Duff, TN	Technologist - General
21373	Claspell	Jamie R.	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
21423	Ireland	Angela E.	Collierville, TN	Technician - General
19530	Lasalle	Sarah L.	Medina, TN	Supervisor - General
19538	Patel	Mina A.	Cordova, TN	Technologist - General
21364	Clark	Teresa R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21329	Deardorff	Justin A.	Pleasant View, TN	Technologist - General
20297	Hyder	Sherrie	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
21368	Lazenby	Misty Joye	Big Rock, TN	Technologist - General

9400	Roberts	Ava	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
21376	Faulhaber	Phyllis A.	Holly Springs, MS	Technician - General
21418	Williams	Jacqueline R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21421	Herman	Theresa M.	Santa Clara, CA	Technologist - General
21359	Hill	Sarah L.	Cumberland City, TN	Technologist - General
14453	Hinds	Michael S.	Franklin, TN	Supervisor - General
21429	Downs	Jane W.	Knoxville, TN	MLT;S.A. - Cytotechnologist
8900	Hestermann	Jenne M.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
20660	Knoepfel	Michelle L.	Columbia, TN	Technologist - General
21371	Leffew	Brandy M.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
21197	Taylor	Tanisha V.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
21420	Covington	Angie R.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21367	Dilioglou	Smaroula	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Histocompatibility
13250	Lambert	Vicki M.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor - General
21436	Snyder	Victoria L.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21439	Amerson	Anna L.	Burkesville, KY	Technician - General
21410	Brady	James S.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
12655	Fowler	Michael H.	Cookeville, TN	Supervisor - General
21430	Martin	Lisa R.	Homewood, AL	Technologist - General
21435	Scott	Amanda K.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21425	Shaikh	Asghar H.	Punta Gorda, FL	Supervisor - General
21390	Zvolensky-Kieffer	Joan E.	Collierville, TN	Technician - General
21398	Bonham	Ginger A.	Oakland, TN	Technician - General
19567	Hendricks	Doris Brietta	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21207	Sheffield	Leigh A.	Cottontown, TN	Supervisor - Cytogenetics
21434	McDaniels/Parker	Cynthia L.	Murray, KY	Technologist - General

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NEW LICENSES</b>	<b>4TH QUARTER 2004:</b>	<b>68</b>
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**TEMPORARY LICENSES**

21413	Frost	Lara N.	Maryville, TN	Technologist - General
21392	Freeman	Cynthia S.	Cordova, TN	Technologist - General
21411	Coleman	Lillias E.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21397	Crume	Tiffany M.	Bartlett, TN	Technician - General
21417	Miller	Ashley N.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21405	Odusanya	Olawunmi A.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21449	Chatman	Toni E.	Fall Branch TN	Technician - General
21451	Cody	Heather N.	Kingsport, TN	Technician - General
21450	Laws	Ruth Ann	Jonesborough, TN	Technician - General
21447	Miller	Amberly D.	Green Mtn, NC	Technician - General

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TEMPORARY</b>	<b>LICENSES</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2004: 10</b>
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**Attachment 2  
Reinstatements  
October – December 2004**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
2241	Darden	Brenda R.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
13004	Warren-Yancey	Glenda D.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
*7214	Barnett	Mary P.	Elizabethton, TN	Technologist - General
20259	Harlan	Wayne H.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
20442	Alexander	Michelle L.	Milan, TN	Technician - General
*2163	Stone	Dorothy B.	Ft. Oglethorpe, GA	Supervisor - General
13533	Wilson	Laura A.	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technician - General
20610	Stacey	Laura C.	Clarksville, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
15103	Brown	Melissa	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
19268	Boodt	Marquette L.	Allegan, MI	Technician - General
1774	Brown	Janice M.	Gallatin, TN	Technician - General
*3023	Furgerson	William J.	Nashville, TN	Technician - General
**14220	Whaley	Douglas P.	Sevierville, TN	Technician - General
2864	Adams	Lois E.	Andrews, NC	Technician - General
18186	Regenold	Linda P.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
9092	Angel	Sherrie D.	Crossville, TN	Technician - General
*8435	Cason	Lisa T.	Paris, TN	Technologist - General
	<b>*Reactivate Retired</b>	<b>License</b>		
	<b>**Reinstate Lapsed</b>	<b>License</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>	<b>4TH QUARTER</b>	<b>2004: 17</b>	